

Activities to Support Home Learning Autumn 2021

Whole School Theme: Dreams & Imagination

Class: BL

Topic: A Toy Story

Explore Inspire

Curriculum Overview:

Throughout the autumn term our theme is Dreams and Imagination, and our topic is A Toy Story. In the first half term we will be reading the book Traction Man Is Here by Mini Grey – acting out Traction Man’s adventures and meeting his trusty sidekick Scrubbing Brush! After half term we will be exploring a version of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll which has been adapted into a rhyming sensory story. We will be creating our own narrative stories including comic books; writing our own instructions; and making newspapers. In maths we will be focussing on number & place value, and measures. We will be taking a learning through play approach and all activities will be fun and interactive.

We will be studying changes in living memory in History, by exploring how toys, clothing, and the world around us has changed over the last few decades – we are definitely looking forward to an 80’s party with neon lights! In Science we will first be exploring materials, with many experiments to learn about the properties of materials, such as exploring which items will sink or float in Traction Man’s sink, and finding out which of his outfits will keep him warm in the snow. In the second half term, we will be looking at the changing seasons and weather. We will be collecting leaves and other items each week to create a collage as we watch the colours in the natural world around us change.

As ever, we will have lots of opportunity to get creative and using a wide range of tools, textures, and techniques to create landscapes for Traction Man to explore. We will be exploring structures in Alice in Wonderland as we make houses of cards for the Queen of Hearts to live in. There will be plenty of opportunity to get creative in the run up to Christmas with Christmas cards, wrapping paper, and Christingle oranges to create!

Our PSHE topics this term are Being Me in My World, and Celebrating Differences so we will be learning how to be respectful towards others, what to do if someone isn’t respectful towards us, and understand our roles and responsibilities as a member of our class. We will be learning about a range of different cultures including the Jewish festivals of Yom Kippur and Hannukah, the Hindu festival celebrating the God Ganesh and Diwali, a range of Harvest Festivals around the world, as well as Christian festivals such as Christingle and Christmas.

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Core Book(s): Traction Man is Here by Mini Grey

Activity Ideas:



Have a go at making a person out of different materials. What does each material feel like? Can you describe your person? E.G. his legs are rough and his hair is curly.

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Experiment with objects you find around your home by placing them into water. Which items float (stay at the top) and which items sink (go to the bottom)? What is the same or different about all of the items? Are all the items that sink made from the same material? Are all the items that float heavy or light?



Try making a paper spinner using an elastic band and paper. What colours have you used to decorate your spinner? What happens if you make a big spinner? What happens if you make different patterns on your spinner? Do you think this is a fun toy that you would like to play with? Do you think they had this toy a long time ago?

Place some building blocks or stickers onto some paper and try to draw a long line across the page without bumping into the blocks/stickers. Can you do this in lots of different colours? Try going over and under the blocks/stickers. Can you draw a circle all the way around one of the blocks/stickers? What happens if you try to draw the line really fast? Are you more careful when you move the pencil slowly?



Set out some of your toys on a table and spend some time looking at and remembering them all. Cover your eyes while someone takes one away. Can you work out what they have hidden?

Have a look through a newspaper or a leaflet that comes through your door. Can you find any of the letters in your name? Can you put them together to create your name?

